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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: SUMMARY OF
RESPONSES TO BILATERAL APPROACH

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1. FOLLOWING IS ROUNDUP OF REPLIES RECEIVED AS OF MAY 2
ON BILATERAL APPROACHES SEEKING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. YOU
SHOULD MAKE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS
TO UNHCR AND ICEM FOR FOLLOW-UP. WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING
OTHER WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE HELPFUL IN STIMULATING
POSITIVE RESPONSES.

2. AFRICA:

WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO POSITIVE RESPONSES TO DATE,
GABON AND MOROCCO. AMONG THE FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES OF
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AFRICA, WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER REPLIES FROM THE CENTRAL

AFRICAN REPUBLIC (AWAITING RETURN OF PRESIDENT BOKASSA), CHAD, NIGER, SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, AND TUNISIA. WE BELIEVE THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH ALL OF THE COUNTRIES IN ABOVE CATEGORY SINCE THEY OFFER GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN AFRICA.

LESOTHO, MALAWI (ONLY FOR 2-3 YEARS), MAURITIUS,

AND SWAZILAND HAVE INDICATED THEY MAY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT SMALL NUMBER OF TECHNICALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS. IN OUR VIEW, THIS GROUP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A SECOND PRIORITY AT THIS STAGE.

NEGATIVE OR UNLIKELY COUNTRIES ARE BOTSWANA, DAHOMEY, GUINEA, GHANA, LIBERIA, ZAIRE, AND SIERRA LEONE.

IN ANGLOPHONE AFRICA, WE ARE STILL AWAITING A NIGERIAN RESPONSE.

2. NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA:

WE SEE FEW PROSPECTS IN THESE COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO THE IRANIANS AT A HIGH LEVEL, BUT WE HOPE THEY MAY BE HELPFUL IN VIEW OF THEIR PAST INVOLVEMENT IN VIET-NAM. SOME OF THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES (SAUDI ARABIA, ABU DHABI, KUWAIT) MIGHT BE APPROACHED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. OTHERWISE, THIS IS NOT AN AREA FOR CONCENTRATION.

3. EAST ASIA:

THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MINIMAL. KOREA, NEW ZEALAND, AND SINGAPORE ARE WILLING TO TAKE SMALL NUMBERS, BUT WILL BE PRIMARILY OCCUPIED WITH TAKING CARE OF VIETNAMESE WHO HAVE SPECIAL TIES TO THEIR COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA HAS PUBLICLY AGREED TO TAKE SOME REFUGEES IN FAIRLY RESTRICTIVE CATEGORIES. THEY MAY DO MORE BUT WE SHALL HAVE TO SEE. (FYI ONLY: WE PLAN TO BE DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER WITH PM WHITLAM WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THIS WEEK. END FYI.) THE FILIPPINOS AND TAIWANESE ARE

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TAKING THOSE WITH SPECIAL TIES TO THEIR COUNTRIES. (FYI: WE DID NOT APPROACH THE LAST TWO GOVERNMENTS.)

4. EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA:

CANADA HAS PUBLICLY DECLARED ITS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THREE THOUSAND ABOVE THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE PAPERS TO ENTER CANADA. OF THE 3,000, 2,000 WILL BE

TAKEN FROM THE U.S. FLOW; 1,000 FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE UK HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT IN ADDITION TO SOME 118 WHO HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING ADMITTED, AN ADDITIONAL 100 WHO HAVE SOME KIND OF TIE WITH THE UK, OR A KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AND WISH TO SETTLE THERE. WE ARE WAITING FOR FIRM REPLIES FROM AUSTRIA, W. GERMANY, DENMARK, NORWAY, ITALY, AND SWITZERLAND. WE BELIEVE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES SHOULD APPROACH THESE GOVERNMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BUTTRESS OUR INITIATIVE, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, SINCE THEY ARE THE MOST PROMISING COUNTRIES. ICELAND, FINLAND, SWEDEN, SPAIN, IRELAND, AND HOLLAND SHOULD ALSO BE APPROACHED BUT THEY DO NOT LOOK PROMISING IN OUR VIEW.

FRANCE IS OF COURSE IN A SPECIAL POSITION AND WE ARE COMPARING NOTES WITH THEM.

5. LATIN AMERICA:

WE WILL BE DISCUSSING REFUGEE ISSUE WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS DURING THE FM'S MEETING SCHEDULED THIS WEEK. AT THIS POINT, WE EXPECT THAT BRAZIL, BOLIVIA, VENEZUELA, AND ARGENTINA OFFER THE BEST OPPORTUNITY THOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THEIR OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TO DATE. ANTIGUA, BARBADOS, COSTA RICA, DOMINICA, GRANADA, NICARAGUA, ST. VINCENT, ST. LUCIA, ECUADOR, PARAGUAY (AGRICULTURE), HAVE INDICATED THEY COULD ACCEPT LIMITED REFUGEES HAVING SPECIAL SKILLS. WE CONSIDER BAHAMAS, CHILE, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, AND COLOMBIA TO BE UNLIKELY CANDIDATES. WE ARE WAITING FOR REPLIES FROM MEXICO, ST. CHRISTOPHER, NEIRS, GUYANA, AND ANGUILLA.

6. FOR USUN: PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE
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7. WE ARE REQUESTING ALL POSTS TO PUT U.S. MISSION GENEVA AND USUN FOR INFO ON SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS ON THIS SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS AS NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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